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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 1, 9 and 17 and cancel claims 7, 8, 18 and 19 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for optimizing the bandwidth on an audio/video network said system, comprising:

at least one slave client operable for communication with a master box ~~[[for]]~~ thereby receiving network services at said at least one slave client;

a television operable for communication with one said slave client and having both an on condition and an off condition; and

wherein said television can be selectively set in either said on condition or said off condition by a user operating said remote control unit;

wherein when said television is in said on condition, said slave client is operable to either automatically turn off substantially completely or automatically enter a sleep mode, as selectively predetermined; ~~[[and]]~~

wherein when said slave client is in said sleep mode, said slave client is both partially turned off and operable to record said network services and update associated databases~~[[.]]~~ and

wherein said at least one remote is a smart remote control that sends a first signal to said television to set said television in said off condition and a second signal unique from the first signal to said slave client regarding the status of said television.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein when said television is set in said off condition, said remote control unit is operable to transmit a signal to said slave client so as to turn said slave client substantially off and thereby stop the transmission of network services data to said slave client from said master box.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein when said television is set in said off condition, said remote control unit is operable to transmit a signal to said slave client to enter said slave client into said sleep mode, which thereby allows said slave client to update said associated databases from said master box and otherwise be substantially turned off.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein said slave client includes a learning module that enables said slave client to learn remote control codes associated with at least one entertainment device selected from the group consisting of a television, a video cassette recorder, and a stereo.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein said audio/video network is adapted for use in a single family home.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein said audio/video network is adapted for use in a commercial establishment.

7. (CANCELED)

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9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for optimizing the bandwidth on an audio/video network system, said method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one slave client that is operable for communication with a master box so as to receive audio and video information therefrom;

providing a remote control unit for communicating with at least one of said slave clients and a television that is operable for communication with said slave client;

communicating a signal from said remote control unit and to said slave client regarding the status of the television when said television is turned either on or off, wherein said signal is unique from a second signal used to control the television; and

placing said slave client in a predetermined appropriate state based on said signal received by said slave client from said remote control unit.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9, said method comprising the step of:

programming said remote control unit to send said signal to said slave client when said television is turned either on or off by said remote control unit.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 10, said method further comprising the step of:

turning said slave client off when said signal received from said remote control unit indicates that said television has been turned off, thereby stopping the transmission of audio-and-video information data from said master box and to said slave client.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 10, said method further comprising the step of:

placing said slave client in a sleep mode when said signal received from said remote control unit indicates that said television has been turned off, thereby enabling said slave client to update its databases as necessary if said slave client is in said sleep mode for an extended period of time.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 9, said method further comprising the step of:

programming said slave client to learn signals communicated from said remote control unit so as to determine when said television is turned on or off.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 13, said method further comprising the step of:

turning said slave client off when said slave client determines that said remote control unit has turned off said television.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 13, said method further comprising the step of:

placing said slave client in a sleep mode when said signal received from said remote control unit indicates that said television has been turned off, thereby enabling said slave client to update its databases if said slave client is in said sleep mode for an extended period of time.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 13, said method further comprising the step of:

turning said slave client on when said slave client determines that said remote control unit has turned on said television.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for optimizing the bandwidth on an audio/video network, said system comprising:

a slave client operable in a plurality of states for communication with a master box so as to receive network services therefrom and thereby play audio and video on a television that is operable for communication with said slave client;

a remote control unit operable to selectively control said television and thereby set said television in either an on condition or an off condition, wherein said remote control unit is operable to send a first signal to said television and a second signal unique from the first signal to said slave client, said second signal being indicative of whether said television is in said on condition or said off condition; and

wherein said slave client is operable for communication with said remote control unit so as to determine whether said television is in said on condition or said off condition.

18. (CANCELED)

19. (CANCELED)

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 17, wherein when said television is determined to be in said off condition, said slave client is operable to be set in an off condition so as to stop the transmission of network services data from said master box.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 17, wherein when said television is determined to be in said off condition, said slave client is operable to be set in a sleep mode, which thereby enables said slave client to update its databases from said master box.